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## WHAT IS THE PROCESS THAT WE NEED TO DO?

- 1. **TEACH THEM TO READ THE BIBLE.**
- 2. **TEACH THEM TO PRAY.**
- 3. **TEACH THEM TO LOVE GOD AND THE PEOPLE.**
- 4. **TEACH THEM TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.**

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### WHAT IS TRAINING?

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## Introduction:

God loves EVERYONE! – absolutely everyone, but not everyone is a Child of God.

## God's perspective for children

**We are talking now of two specific types of children.**

1. Those who are young in years and not fully grown physically, mentally or spiritually.
2. Those who are fully grown, or nearly so, and identify mentally and spiritually with the title and lifestyle of a Christian.

# **A Child of God**

## **A precious gift**

**Psalm 127:3 Children are a heritage from the Lord.**

**Matthew 18:10 “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.”**

## **Unreservedly loved:**

**Matthew 19:13-15. Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them.**

**Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.**

**Deserving of salvation.**

**Matthew 18:10-14. “What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off.**

**Worthy of His blessing.**

**Romans 8:28. And we know that in all things  
God works for the good of those who love him,  
who have been called according to his purpose.**



## Teaching and Training – Intentionally Internalizing

**Intentionally:** in a planned or intended way of acting, moving or reacting

**Internalize:** to accept or absorb an idea, opinion, belief. so that it becomes part of your character:

**Effective Training is not automatic.**

**Here is a simple principle**

**SO, how we going to do all of that? Sounds impossible?  
No, it isn't.**

## Objectives

**The family should be constructed on biblical knowledge and good sense.**

**Mark 10:8-9 “And the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate”**

**Matthew 22:36-40 “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. ...**

**To have the have freedom in Christ:**

**John 8:34-36 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. e**

## To have the freedom of a royal inheritance

Peter's words in 1 Peter 2:9 resound with awe-inspiring assurance:

**1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.**

Revelation 1:5b - 6 confirms, **“To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father - to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.”**

# The Certainty of Gods Direction

***Where do we look for God's direction on how we should use our gifts?***

**Learning is one thing. Intentionally internalising  
is the next step**

**You are the Contributors**

**Matthew 7:7-8 Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.**



# Conclusion

Today the Spirit implores us to take all that we learn and make it a reality in our lives so that we may be living example to others as they see Jesus in us.

The journey to faith can be a long one. I know that to my cost. It does not need to be that way. Take the knowledge that you already have and turn it into action. Ask, seek knock. Jesus is waiting.

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